

# Youth Athletic Facilities Grants Awarded 2015



## **Project in Benton County**

**Grant Awarded: \$121,375**

### **Richland Lighting a Field in Columbia Point Marina Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$121,375**

The Richland Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to add lighting to an open field in Columbia Point Marina Park. The field is being used for ultimate Frisbee, lacrosse, and flag football. This project will double the number of lighted, multipurpose sports fields in Richland, thus doubling the amount of time for practices and games that can be played year-round. The one lighted multipurpose field at Badger Mountain Park has become a major attraction to all youth groups, which has taken a toll on the turf at that park. Richland will contribute \$121,375 in cash and staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1427)

## **Projects in Clallam County**

**Grants Awarded: \$726,500**

### **Forks Renovating the Quillayute Valley School District Athletic Field**

**Grant Awarded: \$250,000**

The City of Forks, in partnership with Quillayute Valley School District, will use this grant to renovate the only athletic playing field in the community and surrounding areas. At the Quillayute Valley School District campus in Forks, the City will replace the grass field with a synthetic turf field and install a drainage system on about 100,000 square feet. The field is used for school athletics, local youth football and soccer athletic programs, as well as adult and community recreation events. The new field will create a better playing experience and will encourage and increase youth access to competitive, recreational, and leisure play. Forks will contribute \$1 million. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1331)

### **Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Rebuilding a Youth Athletic Field for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe**

**Grant Awarded: \$250,000**

The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe will use this grant to rebuild a youth athletic field, the first developed, outdoor recreation facility on the reservation. The tribe will convert a vacant lot two blocks west of the Tribal Center to provide a competition-ready, youth athletic field with a synthetic turf infield, backstop, dugouts, fencing, bleachers, restrooms, parking, picnic area, and landscaping. The Tribe hopes to host a variety of tournaments and sports camps for youth at the field. Competitions initially will be focused on softball, but the site will be suitable for soccer and middle school football. The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe will contribute \$291,559 in cash, land

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value, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1346)

### **Port Angeles Replacing Civic Field Lighting**

**Grant Awarded: \$226,500**

The City of Port Angeles will use this grant to replace the 36-year-old field lighting at Civic Field, which is the city's only lighted, multipurpose stadium for youth. The floodlights at Civic Field are past their useful service life and replacement parts are no longer available. The lights also don't meet safety standards. Some lights have had to be removed and two have completely fallen off on their own. Before long, the entire lighting system will fail and evening games and day games during bad weather will no longer be an option. Replacing the lighting would secure the Civic Field for recreational sports leagues and events for youth football, soccer, and baseball. Port Angeles will contribute \$226,500, \$60,000 of which comes from the Port Angeles School District. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1310)

## **Projects in Clark County**

**Grants Awarded: \$345,000**

### **Clark County Lighting Luke Jensen Sports Park Fields**

**Grant Awarded: \$95,000**

Clark County will use this grant to install lights on three of the five multipurpose sports fields in Luke Jensen Sports Park, which is centrally located in the Hazel Dell neighborhood along the Interstate 5 corridor in Clark County. The other two fields at the park already are lighted. The lights will extend the hours of competitive play available at this heavily used park. The park is used primarily for youth soccer, baseball, softball, and lacrosse. Adding lights to additional fields would make this park only the second complex in Clark County with more than one lighted synthetic field. Between 15,000 and 25,000 people will use the site when new lighting is installed. The Vancouver West Soccer Club is committed to spending about \$34,000 for lights. Clark County will contribute \$95,000 in cash and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1386)

### **Washington Timbers Football Club Installing Lights and Turf at the Harmony Sports Complex**

**Grant Awarded: \$250,000**

The Washington Timbers Football Club will use this grant to install synthetic turf and lighting on a full-size, multipurpose field in the Harmony Sports Complex, in east Vancouver. The complex hosts more than 33,000 youth soccer players. The field will provide a much needed facility to support the Washington Timbers TOPSoccer program. TOPSoccer was established to give children with disabilities an opportunity to improve their physical fitness, self-esteem, and friendships through playing soccer. The football club will develop concrete pathways surrounding the field to access the facility and parking. The Washington Timbers Football Club

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will contribute \$360,976 in donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1390)

## **Project in Cowlitz County**

**Grant Awarded: \$250,000**

### **Castle Rock**

**Grant Awarded: \$250,000**

#### **Upgrading the North County Playing Fields**

The City of Castle Rock will use this grant to renovate its North County Sports Complex. This 13-year-old facility has five baseball/softball fields and two full-size soccer fields. The City will install drainage and irrigation at two softball fields, light one baseball and one softball field, build a trail to the two soccer fields, and pave the plaza, pathways, and part of the parking lot. The work is expected to increase accessibility to the site and increase hours of play for youth baseball, softball, and soccer. Castle Rock will contribute \$250,000 in cash, a local grant, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1429)

## **Projects in Franklin County**

**Grants Awarded: \$328,500**

### **Pasco**

**Grant Awarded: \$133,500**

#### **Adding Field Lights and Upgrades to Highland Park's Football Field**

The City of Pasco will use this grant to install football field lights and make improvements for people with disabilities at Highland Park, which is on the east side of Pasco. The City will install field lights and new bleachers on the main field. It also will install paths to access the bleachers, viewing areas at two other fields at the park. The lights will expand the capacity of the fields to meet the needs of the park's many user groups. Pasco has seen the demand for field space and time grow during the past 20 years. Highland Park has seen the largest growth in user group's programming. The Pasco Youth Football and Cheerleading has grown from 400 kids 10 years ago to an expected 1,500 kids this fall. The park also is seeing new user groups such as lacrosse. Pasco will contribute \$133,500 in cash and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1372)

### **Pasco Little League**

**Grant Awarded: \$195,000**

#### **Revitalizing the Pasco Little League Fields**

The Pasco Little League will use this grant to revitalize and renovate the Pasco Little League fields and facilities. The park consists of six fields, a clubhouse, and a storage shed, which were built 25 years ago. The Little League will install lighting on two fields, replace safety netting on six fields, and pave the main parking lot, which is currently gravel and dirt. The Pasco Little League serves more than 600 youth. Once the renovation is complete, the Little League expects

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to serve more than 1,000 kids. The Pasco Little League will contribute \$195,000 in cash and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1439)

### Projects in King County

**Grants Awarded: \$1,387,520**

#### **Bellevue**

**Grant Awarded: \$250,000**

#### **Replacing Artificial Turf on Robinswood Community Park's Sports Fields**

The City of Bellevue will use this grant to replace the artificial turf on two multipurpose fields in Robinswood Community Park. Converted from grass to synthetic turf in 2007, the two fields are showing a loss of their ability to cushion objects and reduce impact-related injuries. This loss may force the City to close the fields next year, which would significantly impact the local youth sports community. These fields are lighted, unfenced, and open to the public year-round for both scheduled and unscheduled use. They are used primarily for soccer, lacrosse, summer sport camps, and scheduled school activities. Bellevue will contribute \$880,640. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1334)

#### **Issaquah**

**Grant Awarded: \$250,000**

#### **Building Two New Fields in Central Park**

The City of Issaquah will use this grant to convert one grassy baseball field that is underused and often very wet into two artificial turf, multipurpose sports fields in Central Park. The City also will add field lighting and fencing, which don't exist there now. The park is in the Issaquah Highlands development and is used for competitive sports and active recreation. The park's existing two artificial turf fields were booked by organized sports groups for nearly 2,800 hours last year and used by community members. Developing additional fields near the existing ones would enable expanded use of the park for competitive play and tournaments and diversify the activities that could take place there to include baseball, soccer, lacrosse, and football, among others. Issaquah will contribute \$2.8 million in cash, voter-approved bonds, a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1302)

#### **Kenmore**

**Grant Awarded: \$137,520**

#### **Renovating the Moorlands Park Athletic Field**

The City of Kenmore will use this grant to renovate its athletic field in Moorlands Park. Work will include removing the fencing, backstops, and sod and then adding irrigation, drainage, infield mix, a backstop, dugouts, wing fencing, enlarged playing surface, and grass. The field is used for youth baseball, softball, soccer, and lacrosse. This project will allow the City to improve the quality of the field, expand the number of uses, and increase the size of facility. Kenmore will contribute \$168,080 in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation

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Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1374)

### **Kent**

**Grant Awarded: \$250,000**

#### **Converting a Hogan Park Athletic Field to Synthetic Turf**

The City of Kent will use this grant to convert the baseball field at Hogan Park into a year-round, multi-use, synthetic turf field that would support youth baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, rugby, football, and flag football. This project would make Hogan Park only the second city park to have synthetic turf fields and would allow about three times more use of the park while reducing operating costs. Hogan Park's lighted baseball field is used only from April through September, and its dirt infield and grass outfield force 50 rainouts a year. These rainouts force teams to travel as far away as Puyallup to get games played in rainy conditions. Adding more high-quality, lit, year-round, multi-use fields is an identified priority in the Kent's *Park & Open Space Plan*. Kent will contribute \$1.5 million in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1378)

### **Seattle**

**Grant Awarded: \$250,000**

#### **Renovating the West Seattle Stadium Track and Field**

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate its track and field elements, stadium amenities, and wooden grandstand at the West Seattle Stadium. The stadium is the only Seattle Parks' property with a synthetic rubber running surface dedicated to track and field and the only facility with a full venue of field events. In the past 10 years, eight USA track and field regional and national championships were held there. In the past 2 years, three national championships were not held there because of the condition of the stadium and equipment. The stadium sees nearly 40,000 users annually for practice, competition, training, conditioning, and recreation. It is used for meets for grassroots youth, middle and high schools, colleges, and masters athletes. The City will replace the synthetic surface of its track and complete lane and runway striping, event markings, and certification. The City also will replace the pole vault and high jump landing pit, the standards, and five flights of hurdles. Finally, the City will upgrade the locker rooms, restrooms, pathways and parking area to accommodate people with disabilities and renovate the wooden north grandstand. Seattle will contribute \$250,000. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1379)

### **Shoreline**

**Grant Awarded: \$250,000**

#### **Replacing Twin Ponds Park's Turf and Lights**

The Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department will use this grant to design, get permits, and install synthetic turf and lights on 2 acres in the 21-acre Twin Ponds Park. The

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turf on the soccer field is deteriorating and without replacement, the field may be deemed unsafe for players. Renovating the field turf and lighting will allow the City to continue to meet the outdoor recreation demand. Without lights, the Twin Ponds field cannot serve its users at times of the day and year when it is most needed. Shoreline will contribute \$1.4 million. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1337)

### **Project in Pacific County**

**Grant Awarded: \$132,000**

#### **Long Beach**

**Grant Awarded: \$132,000**

#### **Renovation and Re-orientation of Stanley Park**

The Long Beach Parks Department will use this grant to renovate and re-orient Stanley Park, a more than 30-year-old youth athletic facility that has met the end of its useful life. Located in central Long Beach, Stanley Park is a well-used, dilapidated, and accessibility-restricted park that has poor drainage. The City will make elements of the site accessible to people with disabilities, add parking, improve the drainage, lay new grass, and install irrigation, fencing, bullpens, dugouts, bleachers, a storage/concession building, and a batting cage. The project is supported by The Long Beach Peninsula Youth Baseball and Softball program, the Ocean Beach Youth Soccer League, and the Peninsula Youth Little League, as well as established sponsors of adult baseball tournaments. Long Beach will contribute \$132,900 in cash, equipment, staff labor, a private grant, and donations of cash and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1432)

### **Projects in Pierce County**

**Grants Awarded: \$1,487,500**

#### **Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District**

**Grant Awarded: \$250,000**

#### **Installing Lights in Volunteer Park**

The Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to install light-emitting diode (LED) field lighting at Volunteer Park. The park district will replace the fixtures on Field 1, which has lighting that is 70 percent less efficient than today's technology, and will install LED lighting on Fields 2 and 3, which have no lights. The lighting improvement will expand field use into the evening hours. Volunteer Park is centered on the peninsula along Key Peninsula Highway, next to the area's only middle school. It is used mostly for baseball, t-ball, softball, football, and soccer. Field 1 is the only lighted playing field on the peninsula. Fields 2 and 3 are near use capacity. The project is supported by the Little League, Key Peninsula Business Association, Key Peninsula Community Council, Peninsula Light, Key Peninsula Civic Center, and Key Peninsula Family Resource Center. The Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will contribute \$250,000 in cash, equipment, staff labor, and donations of cash, equipment, and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1335)



## **Lakewood**

**Grant Awarded: \$250,000**

### **Improving Fort Steilacoom Park's Sports Fields**

The City of Lakewood will use this grant to update youth sports fields at Fort Steilacoom Park. The City will update dugouts and irrigation and install new scoreboards, fencing, portable mounds, equipment storage, entry and interpretive signs, and picnic shelters. The City also will improve access and replace the soccer field that is overlaid on the baseball outfield. The work is aimed at making the fields better able to accommodate youth sports leagues and tournaments. The baseball fields are used primarily in the spring and summer for league play but are not used easily for tournaments because they lack scoreboards and outfield fencing. The City of Lakewood will contribute \$250,000. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1371)

## **Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma**

**Grant Awarded: \$250,000**

### **Updating the Lighting at the SERA Baseball Complex**

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to update the lighting at the South End Recreation & Adventure (SERA) baseball complex in Tacoma. The park district will replace the 1970 lights and poles at two of the six fields at the complex with light-emitting diode (LED) field lights to improve safety, accessibility, and sustainability. The fields are used by thousands of kids and families from the greater Puget Sound area and beyond for practices and games. This new field lighting will allow the SERA Complex to serve players throughout the state, better accommodate local leagues, and provide high quality facilities that will encourage new players, many of whom come from homes without the financial capacity to travel for sports. The park district will contribute \$350,000 from a voter-approved levy. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1349)

## **Peninsula Metropolitan Park District**

**Grant Awarded: \$250,000**

### **Renovating Sehmel Homestead Park Infields**

The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to replace three dirt infields with synthetic turf to improve playability at Sehmel Homestead Park in Gig Harbor. The park district also will add warning tracks along the outfield and foul fence lines for safety. The work will be done on the large baseball field and two baseball/softball fields. The fields are used by all age groups and host recreation leagues from throughout the region. The addition of the synthetic turf will reduce rainouts and expand the months and types of play significantly. Small-sided soccer can be played on the infields once they are converted. The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will contribute \$472,348. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1341)

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## **Pierce County** **Grant Awarded: \$250,000** **Installing Artificial Turf on a Heritage Recreation Center Soccer Field**

Pierce County Parks and Recreation Services will use this grant to replace grass with synthetic turf on a soccer field in the Heritage Recreation Center, which is in the South Hill area of Puyallup, next to Rogers High School. The rain limits play on the field during significant parts of the year. The County also will install a drainage system. The center is used for soccer, football, and lacrosse. Pierce County will contribute \$829,778. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1389)

## **University Place** **Grant Awarded: \$237,500** **Installing Lights and Artificial Turf on Cirque Park Athletic Fields**

The City of University Place will use this grant to replace a dirt softball infield with artificial turf and install lights on a baseball field to expand usage into the night at Cirque Bridgeport Park. The overall goal is to improve and expand field use and increase safety. University Place will contribute \$237,500. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1394)

## **Project in San Juan County** **Grant Awarded: \$158,977**

### **San Juan Island Park and Recreation District** **Grant Awarded: \$158,977** **Renovating the Friday Harbor Multipurpose Field**

The San Juan Island Park and Recreation District will use this grant to renovate a multipurpose field in Friday Harbor. The field is not regulation width for soccer and lacrosse, has only 7 feet outside the field for spectators and teams, has a rolling and uneven surface that does not drain, has drainage and irrigation systems that don't work, and must be hand watered. The district will enlarge the field to provide regulation soccer and lacrosse, replace drainage and irrigation systems, and renovate the playing surface. The field will be used for youth football, soccer, and lacrosse. The San Juan Island Park and Recreation District will contribute \$194,307 in donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1384)

## **Project in Skagit County** **Grant Awarded: \$144,000**

### **Skagit County** **Grant Awarded: \$144,000** **Renovating Otto Walberg Field**

The Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate the Otto Walberg Field at the Skagit Valley Playfields. Work will include leveling the field and adding a layer of sand, fixing drainage problems, installing irrigation systems, and adding fencing,



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backstops, and dugouts. The field has deteriorated to the degree that it is useable 3 months less a year than other fields in the same complex. The improvements are expected to result in fewer missed games, improved field quality, and reduced maintenance costs. The field was built in the 1980s and must be mowed with hand lawnmowers because the more efficient and heavy tractor mowers sink into the grass and damage the wet field. Skagit County Parks and Recreation uses this field for many of its youth baseball and softball camps and softball league games, and Skagit Valley College schedules several levels of collegiate play there. Skagit County will contribute \$179,000 in cash, staff labor, and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1359)

### **Projects in Snohomish County**

**Grants Awarded: \$750,000**

#### **Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County Renovating the Arlington Playfields**

**Grant Awarded: \$250,000**

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County along with the City of Arlington will use this grant to renovate three ball fields and repurpose part of an aging, underused soccer field to create four ball fields in a cloverleaf design in the Bill Quake Memorial Park in Arlington. Work will include improving field lighting. The new fields will increase the amount of playtime available at the park, which serves the communities of Arlington, Darrington, Lakewood, North Marysville, Oso, and Stanwood. The Boys & Girls Club will contribute \$942,000 in local and state grants. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1304)

#### **Everett**

**Grant Awarded: \$250,000**

#### **Converting Soccer-only Fields to Multi-sport Fields in Kasch Park**

The Everett Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to replace the synthetic turf and drainage at two aging, soccer-only fields, converting them into multipurpose synthetic turf fields at Kasch Park in southwest Everett. Replacing the turf and drainage originally installed in 2001 is needed to ensure year-round playability and to update the fields for multi-sport use. In addition to the two fields being renovated, Kasch Park has one synthetic turf field redeveloped in 2012 and six natural surface baseball/softball fields. It is positioned as a prime location for multi-sport activities in western Washington. Converting the fields will expand the usability of these two fields so they can accommodate not only soccer but lacrosse, flag football, ultimate Frisbee, and kickball. Everett will contribute \$1.8 million in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1360)

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## **Lynnwood Renovating Meadowdale Playfields**

**Grant Awarded: \$250,000**

The City of Lynnwood will use this grant to convert two sand soccer fields into two multipurpose fields with a synthetic surface at Meadowdale Playfields. The City also will install perimeter field fencing and ball escapement netting. This renovation project will extend and expand playing capacity at this 27-acre community and regional athletic complex. The goal is to provide fields that are available year-round for youth soccer, lacrosse, rugby, and football. Lynnwood will contribute \$2.9 million in cash, voter-approved bonds, and another grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1339)

## **Projects in Spokane County**

**Grants Awarded: \$500,000**

### **Spokane City Developing the Mission Park Adaptive Ball Field**

**Grant Awarded: \$250,000**

The Spokane Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop a multipurpose sports field that is fully accessible to people with disabilities at Mission Park. The City also will expand the accessible pathways, add six accessible parking spaces for vans, and build a new accessible restroom. The City has targeted Mission Park to provide universal access for multiple recreational facilities including an aquatic center, sport court, and playground. The City has partnered with the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation, which will provide matching funds to this project. Spokane will contribute \$645,411 from a private grant and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1434)

### **Spokane County Renovating a Prairie View Park Ball Field**

**Grant Awarded: \$250,000**

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to renovate a practice field into a fully developed softball/baseball field at Prairie View Park. The County will reconfigure a youth baseball practice field in the park to accommodate a full-sized field and a Little League field. The County will add field amenities such as ball-stopper netting and home run fences, which will allow the two fields to be used simultaneously and provide ample capacity for youth baseball tournaments. This work will add playing capacity, extend hours of use, and expand youth athletic opportunities at the park. The newly renovated facility will be unique in the south Spokane area and serve a broader range of the community. The renovated field will be available for pickup games and open practice by the entire community. Spokane County will contribute \$826,241 in cash, a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of cash and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1362)

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### **Project in Thurston County**

**Grant Awarded: \$193,223**

#### **Olympia Stevens Field Park Ballfield #1 Synthetic Infield**

**Grant Awarded: \$193,223**

The City of Olympia will use this grant to install synthetic infield surfacing on a softball field in Stevens Field Park and to provide accessible parking and pathways in this southeast Olympia park. The renovation is expected to increase field use, decrease rain outs, improve player safety, improve accessibility, and reduce maintenance. The Olympia School District and the Thurston County Fastpitch Association strongly support this project. Olympia will contribute \$193,224. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1430)

### **Project in Whitman County**

**Grant Awarded: \$250,000**

#### **Colfax Renovating Schmuck Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$250,000**

The City of Colfax will use this grant to renovate athletic facilities in Schmuck Park, which is next to the Leonard M. Jennings Elementary School and Colfax Junior/Senior High School. The City will resurface the track and football field, install a new irrigation system at the football field, install new bleachers, and build new restrooms and storage. Schmuck Park is the most frequently used park in the Colfax parks system. The track and football field are weathered and damaged. The renovations would allow for increased use of the park by the school district, local and regional sports leagues, charity events, and the community. The City of Colfax, Whitman County, Colfax School District, and a coalition of community groups are contributing to the project. The City of Colfax will contribute \$438,200 in cash, a local grant, and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1328)

### **Project in Yakima County**

**Grant Awarded: \$165,000**

#### **Union Gap Renovating the Ahtanum Youth Activities Fields for Soccer**

**Grant Awarded: \$165,000**

The City of Union Gap will use this grant to renovate the 95-acre Ahtanum Youth Activities Park to better accommodate youth soccer. The City will convert about 4 acres of practice field into three competitive soccer fields for kids under 9-years-old, install an artificial turf field (the first in Yakima County open to the public) for three-on-three league play, improve access for people with disabilities, renovate the parking area, reconfigure the park entrance to make it safer, and landscape the area. This park is used heavily by both the Yakima Youth Soccer Association and Yakima Infantil Soccer Association for games, practices, and tournaments. The park soccer program alone will have held more than 2,000 games and service more than 1,800 youth

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players. Union Gap will contribute \$165,908. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (15-1330)